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Oaks Christian Church

Bound Together in Love



Oaks Christian Church is a family church that loves to share God's word, God's Love, and God's fellowship with the world. We are a church in the near inner loop that strives to be a helpful part of the community. We are about Deep Christian spirituality, a true community and a passion for Justice. We celebrate communion every Sunday service and all who believe are welcome to receive.

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Oaks Notes

Acorns on the Ground

Spiritual Truths from the Gospel of John!

Jesus said, "I give you a new commandment: love one another. Just as I have loved you, you must also love one another. By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another..." John 13:34-35

Jesus said, "I am the Way the Truth, and the Life. No one comes to the Father except through me..." John 14:6

Jesus said, "If you love me, keep My commandments. And I will ask the Father and He will give you another counselor to be with you forever. He is the spirit of Truth..." John 14:15-17

Jesus said, "remain in Me, and I in you. Just as a branch is unable to produce fruit by itself unless it remains on the vine, so neither can you unless you remain in Me..." John 15:4

Jesus said, "as the Father has loved Me, I have also loved you. Remain in My love. If you keep My commands you will remain in My love, just as I have kept My Father's commands and remain in His love..." John 15:9-10

I would suggest you not just read these verses once. Spend a significant amount of time reflecting on these passages. You might even take the whole month of October to meditate on these great spiritual truths from John.

Perhaps just deal with one scripture passage per week.

- Read the passage from several different translations.
- You might even write down your thoughts.

Use the following questions to help you in the reflection process:

- What meaning do these verses have for your daily life?
- What does it mean to remain in Jesus?
- How are you receiving God's love and then reflecting or sharing that love with others?
- What fruit are you allowing God's Holy Spirit to develop in your life? (remember fruit is defined in Galatians 5:22-23)
- How is Oaks Christian Church living out these scripture passages?
- What could happen at Oaks?

I look forward to worshipping with you this coming Sunday!

God's Continued Blessings of Peace and Joy

Pastor Linda



FOOD NEEDED FOR MANNA'S PANTRY

For more information Contact

**Billie Murray
(281) 448-1667**

Items Needed:

Toiletries,
toothpaste, deodorant,
soap, bath tissue,
shampoo and shaving
cream.

**Open Mon, Tues and
Thurs 9:30 a.m. –
11:30pm.**



Prayer Circle

Every Second Tuesday of the Month
9:30 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. in Kirchner Hall.















Everyone Welcome!

*Don't worry about anything, but pray about everything. With thankful hearts offer up your prayers and requests to God.
Philippians 4:6*

**Board Happenings -
Barb Scantlin, Board Chair - Friendly Reminder:**
There will be a General Board Meeting, October 16, 2011
after church service. There will be NO Executive Board
Meeting for the month of October.
Thank you.

OCTOBER 2011

Disciples of Christ - Bound Together in Love

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1
 2	3	 4	5	 6	7	8
9	10	 11 Prayer Circle 9:30 a.m.	12	 13	14	15
 16	 17	 18	19	 20	21	 22 FREE LITE LUNCH SATURDAY
23  30	24 31	25 	26	27 	28	29  Oaks Golden Travelers- Galveston

Schedule of Events

October 2 - Bread Sunday

October 4 - CWF - Love Meals

October 6,13,20,27 Pen & Ink

October 11 - Prayer Circle and CWF - Service (blankets), lunch, and visitation.

October 16 - Board Meeting (After Worship)

October 17, 18 - Pie Nights 6pm

October 25 - CWF General Mtg.

October 30 - Trunk or Treat

UPCOMING BIBLE SHARING SESSION

The session begins at 12:30 p.m. and are in Fellowship Hall.



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The All Church Bible Challenge for October

is the book of James November 6, we will meet after worship, 12:30 p.m. to share what we have discovered about not only the book of James but I Peter.

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS:

1 - Elizabeth Wharton
6 - Bettie Bell, Larry Scruggs,
12 - Michael Spencer
15 - Kiyleigh, Louis Pitts' Granddaughter
19 - Mark E. Conover, Roy Horn, Jimmye Saldivar
21 - Joyce McQueen
22 - Kathryn Whitley
24 - Richard Smith
29 - Patsy Gonzales

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OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES:

11 - Matt and Christen Scantlin
18 - Chris and Verna Lamb
21 - Roy and Marceil Horn
27 - George and JoNell Ha jovsky

Mark your calendars Oaks Golden Travelers has a trip planned for October 29 to go to Galveston to see wood sculptures artists made from the downed trees of the aftermath of Ike. Lunch will be at Shrimp and Stuff, an indoor/outdoor eatery and if we are not too tired we will walk the strand. It will be a guided tour so there will be a small cost. The cost will be determined by how many go.

Contact: Ruth Conover 713.460.4854

Note: There will be another scheduled trip November 6. Destination to be announced.

Announcements, Updates, Church Attendance and Treasury Report

ARTICLES ARE DUE NO LATER THAN LAST TUESDAY OF THE MONTH AT NOON!

NEED YOUR HELP!



Would the person who gave Sonja and Tyson Davis a box of family VHS videos in September, in the Oaks parking lot, please contact Sonja Davis, Church Secretary.



Also, would the person who gave Sonja Davis an envelope in September, in the Oaks parking lot, please contact her. Thank you!



It's apple pie time!!! Orders are being taken for the CWF homemade apple pies. The pies will be \$8.00 again this year. Only pies that are ordered will be made, in other words, no extras will be made. The pies will be made the 17th and 18th of October and can be picked up anytime from the 18th through the 23rd. Call Barb Scantlin to order your pies today. Orders will be taken until the 16th of October. You may order a sugar free pie too!!!

Barb Scantlin



Come and join Oaks as we host TRUNK OR TREAT for our community!

Car trunks are decorated and treats are given out to those that come by. We need volunteered car trunks and help in the kitchen as we serve free hot dogs to the crowds. Charlie Brown's Great Pumpkin also will be available to see. We had a great crowd last year and expect more this year and word spreads of the fun the kids have. Come and help make TRUNK OR TREAT a successful event this year!! Barb Scantlin

Nurturing Circle Update

Remember if you have a need for community prayer, you can call on the Nurturing Prayer Circle. You may call the church office with your request or call Jimmye Saldivar or Barb Scantlin.

Also, if you would like to be a part and join the Circle to pray for those in need, we welcome all that have that desire. When the requests come to our attention, a call is made to the team for that month and each person prays for the request. It's an important part of our church and for the people asking for prayer on their behalf. Barb Scantlin



Painting Class with Jimmye Saldivar

Starts October 6 and runs every Thursday of October. It will start at 6:00 p.m. and end at 7:30 p.m.. Cost will be \$10.00 for the whole thing. Everything provided. Pre-registration required. Contact: Jimmye Saldivar, 713.681.1043.



Hello Everyone! The "Free Lunch Saturday" turned out really good on September 24, 2011 with 18 non-church members attending as well as several of our church members. Our Sister Church Renovada cooked tacos and home made rice, salsa and just did a wonderful job!!

At this time we want to friendly remind everyone about the very strict health codes that come with the Health Inspections. In the future, please make sure if you go in the kitchen you do have a hat and a pair of gloves on. If you do not have these, please ask someone in the kitchen to get you what you need. This is a mission we provide for the community and we want to make sure we can continue to do so.

We look forward to next month and hope you will help spread the word to the community to people who may need a free lunch or just want to share in God's love. Thank you! Katie Spencer, The Evangelism Team

August Church Attendance Report

Attendance for the Month of August	Sunday School	Church Attendance
August 7, 2011	14	51
August 14, 2011	14	57
August 21, 2011	16	58
August 28, 2011	16	51
TOTALS	60	217

From the Treasurer - Dorene Drake

Operating Account 2011	June	July	August
Deposits	\$7,628.83	\$7,471.70	\$10,880.00
Disbursements	(\$10,522.18)	(10,489.67)	\$9,268.94
Difference	(\$2,893.35)	(\$3012.97)	\$1,1611.06